

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

19-20054

Date sent

03/06/2019

Subject

Internet/Porn Addiction

Details of enquiry

- 1) As of the 15/05/19, how many people were in contact and undergoing treatment with your mental health trust for "internet sex addiction" or "porn addiction".
- 2) In the last five years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, how many people have been treated and discharged by your mental health trust for "internet sex addiction" or "porn addiction".

Response Sent

I can confirm that the Trust holds information that falls within the description specified in your request, but it would require resources over those provisioned under the FOIA 2000.

Prior to fiscal year 2018/19, (April 2018), patient records at our Portman Clinic, where these types of patients would have been seen, were only held in paper form, and archived off site on patient discharge. In order to access the data you require, a clinician would need interrogate about 1, 000 patient files covering the 4 year period prior to 2018/19, in order to determine whether or not each patient was treated for sexual or porn addiction, and to then extract and post this data into a report. We have estimated that at 10-15 minutes per file this work would require a minimum of 166 hours of resources, plus the time taken to extract the electronic data from our electronic 2018/19 patient records

I hope you will understand that the Trust does not have unlimited resources, and is therefore not obliged to respond to your request, so we will not be processing it further.